

Amendment to the Claims:

The following listing of claims replaces all previous versions and listings of claims:

1-22. (Cancelled)

23. (Previously presented) A method for providing web-based electronic research and presentation functions via a document creation application, comprising:

scanning an active document on a computer device operable for identifying relevant keywords;

searching at least one database for reference materials relating to said relevant keywords;

automatically displaying relevant reference materials on said computer device;

converting said reference materials if said reference materials are in a format different from a format used in creating said active document; and

displaying said reference materials on said computer device;

wherein said active document includes data currently being entered or edited by a user on said computer device; and

wherein said scanning an active document on a computer device operable for identifying relevant keywords is performed by an intelligent search agent, said method further including:

scanning text of said active page for said active document for at least one of:

frequently appearing terms;

frequently appearing phrases; and

specific terms requested by said user;

determining relevance of found terms or phrases resulting from said scanning, said determining relevance of found terms or phrases based upon rules prescribed by said intelligent agent; and

storing relevant results in a temporary storage location operable for performing said searching, the method further comprising deploying, accessing, and executing process software for providing said web-based electronic research and presentation functions via a document creation application, said deploying, accessing, and executing process software implemented through a virtual private network, comprising:

determining if a virtual private network is required;

checking for remote access to said virtual private network when it is required;

if said remote access does not exist, identifying a third party provider to provide secure, encrypted connections between a private network and remote users;

identifying said remote users;

setting up a network access server operable for downloading and installing client software on desktop computers for remote access of said virtual private network;

accessing said process software;

transporting said process software to at least one remote user's desktop computer;

executing said process software on said at least one remote user's desktop computer;

determining if said virtual private network has a site-to-site configuration for providing site-to-site access, and if said virtual private network is not so available, installing equipment required to establish a site-to-site configuration for said virtual private network;

installing large scale encryption into said site-to-site virtual private network; and

accessing said process software through said site-to-site configuration with large scale

encryption.

24. – 45. (Cancelled)